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WASATCH LIVERY STABLE.
The Wasatch Livery Stable was established in 1892 by the "Murdock Brothers." It was purchased by A. C. Heist and John H. Luke in March, 1931, who, under the management of Mr. Luke, continued the business for twelve years, closing out in March, 1943, to Thomas Clotworthy and Laish Hylton. Since the death of Mr. Clotworthy, Wm. Coleman has purchased a third interest and the business now belongs to the Clotworthy estate, Hylton and Coleman with Mr. Hylton as manager.
They do a general livery, feed and stable business. For the livery trade they have a fine line of vehicles, consisting of buggies, carriages, wagons, cutters, sleighs, etc. Also carry a line of good, trusty and gentle horses, that are kept well groomed and ready at a moment's call.
The barn is centrally located in the business district of the city on the

east side of Main street between First and Second North streets. It is a commodiously arranged building, the main barn being 30 by 92 feet long with sheds attached, and stall room for thirty-six head of horses. There is also a large yard with wagon sheds adjoining and hydrant water and hose handy.
They carry on a general transfer business carrying passengers, baggage, etc., to and from all parts of town. They meet all incoming and connect with all outgoing trains with comfortable riding and conveniently arranged transfers.
This is one of the progressive and prosperous business concerns of the city and is a great convenience to the traveling public, and the people generally. The patronage they receive and the improvements they are making in their buildings and stock from time to time, speak louder than words of the financial condition of the business.



The Wasatch Livery Stable about 1900. Shown here in front of the stable in his buggy is Frank Carlile.

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TRANSPORTATION

Transportation has been important to the economy of Heber and this segment of industry progressed from the horse and buggy to the railroad, automobiles and trucks and airplanes.

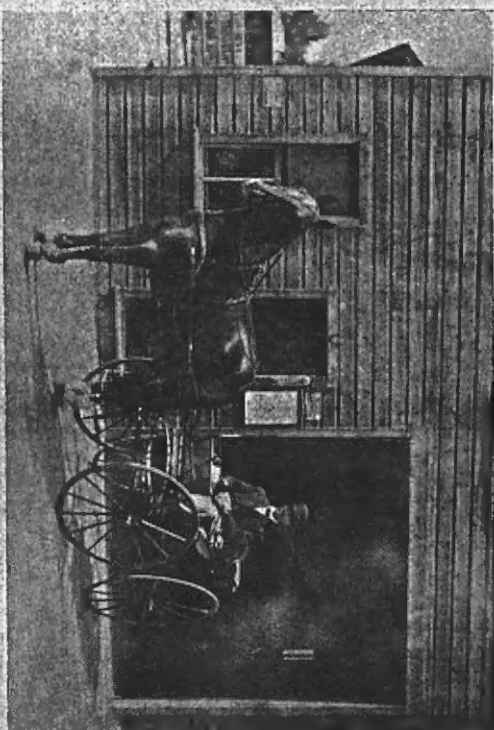
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